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FOLLOWING IS FREE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY EASUM'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN DAR ES SALAAM CARRIED
FRONT-PAGE OF NOTICIAS OF NOVEMBER 3:

USA SUPPORTS MOZAMBIQUE UNDER FRELIMO CONTROL

DONALD EASUM, US SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

1. DAR ES SALAAM, NOV 2: A US GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL DECLARED
TODAY IN THIS CITY THAT A MISSION FROM HIS COUNTRY WILL VISIT
MOZAMBIQUE TO STUDY WAYS THE US CAN HELP THE TERRITORY WHEN
IT BECOMES INDEPENDENT UNDER FRELIMO CONTROL.

2. DONALD EASUM, US ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN
AFFAIRS, STATED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE MISSION WILL
LOOK FOR AREAS IN WHICH THE US CAN OFFER ASSISTANCE.

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EM THE DECISION TO SEND A MISSION RESULTED FROM TALKS BETWEEN

EASUM AND FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL DURING THE THREE-DAY VISIT OF THE AMERICAN MISSION TO DAR ES SALAAM THIS WEEK.

ACCEPTABLE WAYS

4. EASUM, WHO IS VISITING NINE COUNTRIES IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, INCLUDING MOZAMBIQUE AND THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, ASSURED THE PRESIDENT OF FRELIMO THAT THE US IS INTERESTED IN FINDING "MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE WAYS" TO ASSIST MOZAMBIQUE.

5. HE EXPLAINED TO SAMORA MACHEL THAT THE US SUPPORTED THE INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE UNDER FRELIMO CONTROL.

6. EASUM, WHO LEFT TODAY FOR ZAMBIA, IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN LOURENCO MARQUES AT THE END OF THIS MONTH FOR TALKS WITH MEMBERS OF THE FRELIMO-DOMINATED TRANSITION GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING PRIME-MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO.

7. IN THE SAME PRESS CONFERENCE, GIVEN BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR LUSAKA, EASUM STATED THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE TO PROMOTE MUCH DESIRED CHANGES AND TO ASSIST TO ACHIEVE MAJORITY RULED GOVERNMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

8. HE SAID US OBJECTIVES REGARDING THE FORMATION OF MAJORITY RULED GOVERNMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA WERE THE SAME AS THOSE OF TANZANIA AND THE REST OF AFRICA, ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT TACTICS WERE USED.

9. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE SAID: "WE ARE CONVINCED THAT ARMED FORCE IS AN UNREALISTIC ALTERNATIVE AND THAT THE ISOLATION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD IS NOT AS EFFECTIVE AS MAINTAINING COMMUNICATION AND DIALOGUE".

10. HE ADDED: "THIS IS OUR VIEWPOINT AND I ASSURE YOU WE ARE USING OUR INFLUENCE TO PROMOTE NECESSARY CHANGES IN SOUTH AFRICA AND NOT TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO."

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11. "WE SINCERELY BELIEVE OUR TACTICS ARE THE BEST WAY BY WHICH THE US CAN CONTRIBUTE TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES WE ALL SHARE: THE DIGNITY AND FREEDOM FOR ALL RACES IN AFRICA."

12. OBSERVERS INTERPRET THESE STATEMENTS AS AN ATTEMPT BY EASUM TO JUSTIFY THE US VETO SUPPORTED BY THE UK AND FRANCE, DURING VOTING THIS WEEK, TO BLOCK THE EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE UN.

13. ASIDE FROM THE FRELIMO LEADER, EASUM ALSO TALKED WITH THE LEADERS OF SWAPO.

14. THE WEEK BEFORE, HE ALSO MET IN LUSAKA WITH PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE, OF TANZANIA, WHEN BOTH WERE IN THAT CITY TO ATTEND THE CELEBRATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ZAMBIA'S INDEPENDENCE. IN THAT MEETING, THEY DISCUSSED THE VOLUME OF US CEREAL EXPORTS TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE CRITICAL FOOD SHORTAGES IN TANZANIA AND AGREED THE US WOULD SUPPLY 40,000 TONS OF CEREALS WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS, PAYABLE BY A LOAN WHOSE TERMS STILL HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED. FURTHERMORE, THE US IS PRESENTLY SENDING AN ADDITIONAL 20,000 TONS OF CEREALS IN THE FORM OF A GRANT TO TANZANIA TO HELP IT TO OVERCOME ITS IMMEDIATE DIFFICULTIES.
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